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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1, Special Investigation Division,  
REPORT

Date November 30, 1938.

Subject Communication dated 17.11.38 from the Netherlands

Consulate-General concerning Mr. V.I. Soboleff.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

Valentin Ivanovich SOBOLEFF, Russian, born on December 27, 1885 in Cherniiov Province, Russia. When registering with the Russian Emigrants' Committee, 118/1 Moulmein Road, on 6.3.33 he stated that he left the U.S.S.R. for Manchuria in 1929 and subsequently resided in Harbin where he was employed with the Municipal Administration for about one year. Early in 1930 he arrived in Shanghai and resided for various periods in this city and Hankow until 1932 when he left for Nanking, reportedly to work in the Central Mint. In 1933 he proceeded to Tientsin where he is reported to have since been connected with Twyford Engineering Co., 113 Rue de Chaylard.

He returned to Shanghai on November 13, 1938 and has since been residing at 635 Rue Ratard, House 4.

According to his own statement, he is a graduate of the Polytechnic Institute, St. Petersburg (1912) and from 1914 to 1918 served in the Russian Army.

While in Shanghai he did not come to the notice of the Municipal Police in connection with any activities of an undesirable nature.

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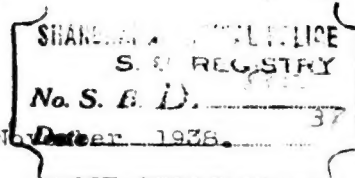
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CONSULAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 3312.

SHANGHAI.

17th Nov 1938.



Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Valentin Ivanovich Soboleff has applied to this Consulate General for a visé for admission into the Netherlands Indies.

Soboleff is in possession of a Chinese passport No. 2056, issued by the Bureau of Public Safety in Tientsin on the 18th November 1937, valid for one year.

According to this passport he is born at Tchernikoff, 49 years of age and a mechanical engineer by profession.

His wife and daughter, who have a separate passport are residing at Tientsin, where they will remain for the time being.

On November 22, 1937 Soboleff obtained a visé for admission into the Netherlands Indies from the Acting Consul of the Netherlands at Tientsin.

However circumstances did not allow him at that time to leave for Java.

He has not given up however his intention to establish himself in the Netherlands Indies where he wants to start a business for his own account.

He resides at 635 Rue Ratard.

I should be greatly obliged to you if you would let me know whether anything is known about this person from a political or moral point of view.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Acting Consul-General.

*D. S. J. Prokhorov*  
*E. H.*  
The Deputy Commissioner,  
Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

  
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Acting Consul-General,  
Netherlands Consulate-General,  
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter No.3312 dated November 17, 1938,  
and in reply to forward herewith for your information  
a copy of report regarding Mr. V. I. Soboleff.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Deputy Commissioner  
(Special Branch)

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No.3435.

SHANGHAI,

30th November 1938.

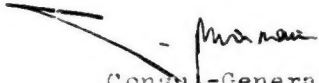
Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of even date, No.D.6655, concerning Mr.V.I.Soboleff, and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Consul-General.

The Deputy Commissioner,  
Special Branch, Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.